The Government is constantly monitoring all developments which have a bearing on India's security and is taking necessary measures to safeguard it. Our grave concern about Pakistan's efforts to acquire weapons beyond its legitimate requirments has been conveyed to all Governments.

Demands of Progamme Staff Association of AIR and Doordarshan

266. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main demands of the Programme Staff Association of the AIR and Doordarshan in support of which they launched an agitation recently and what is Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether Government have given any assurance to them recently; and

(c) what is the decision of Government about setting up Indian Broadcasting Service which may include the programme staff and what are the reasons for delay in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The main demand of the Programme Staff Association of All India Radio and Doordarshan is the constitution of the Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service.

(b) The representatives of the Association have been told that steps have been taken for the early constitution of the Service.

(c) Constitution of an organised Central Service involves considerations of complex issues involving consultation with other Ministries/Departments. No further delay in the constitution of the Service is envisaged.

Indian Foreign Secretary's Statement at Islamabad

267. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to Indian Foreign Secretary Shri Muchkund Dubey's reported statement at Islamabad on July 20, 1990 stating that 'There is no risk of war. There never was any"; if so, what is Government's reaction; and

(b) what is the present position in this respect *vis-a-vis* chances of war and state of relations with Pakistan today?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The statement reflects India's policy of seeking resolution of all differences peacefully through dialogue and discussion and not through military confrontation. We hope that Pakistan would also abide by its commitment to the Simla Agreement, which has proved to be a time-tested framework for conduct of bilateral relations.

(b) Discussions will be resumed with Pakistan in the second week of August, on the Confidence Building package proposal made by India on 28 May, 1990 so as to defuse the present tensions and works out tanglible and credible measures to allay India's concerns regarding Pakistan's support to terrorism in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir.

Conference of Editors organised by the Indian Federation of Small and Medium Newspapers held in Lucknow

268. SHR M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an All-India Conference of Editors (AICE) 1990 organised by the Indian Federation of Small and Medium Newspapers was held in Lucknow on 7th and 8th July, 1990; and